

Heywood boost for 'Oxbridge'

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By STUART EARP:

Wycombe Wanderers 0, 'Oxbridge' 1

A SMARTLY taken goal by Oxbridge and Bishops Stortford's David Heywood, 17 minutes into the second half was about all that enlightened the meagre 300 spectators on an evening which manager Brian Lee chose to give many of his squad a work out.

Without doubt though, this was a boost for Oxbridge after losing 2-1 to the Met. Police earlier in the week. This game was just what they needed and by the end of it they were an extremely competent team. If they are continuing in this vein they should be doing well on their tour in Japan. It was disappointing that Julian Lailey was not on the field, still resting a injury sustained against Hendon last week.

The first real shot of the game came after 11 minutes when Tony Horseman spidered his way through to see his shot blocked by Morley. After a few individual attacks which Maskell dealt with competently, Len Worley hit the crossbar with a corner the keeper chose to leave, and David Heywood saw his shot beat Maskell but not Delaney who cleared off the line. The shot of the match came when Barry Baker put in a cracking 30 yarder which Morley just tipped round the post in fine style.

Wanderers made several changes at half-time, bringing on Temel, Busby, O'Brien, Ward and Poke. It was good to seen Len Worley stay for the second spell as he virtually had it all his own way on the wing and frequently brought applause from the spectators with his dazzling footwork and quick running. Indeed it was a pleasure to watch.

After near misses from both sides Oxbridge took the lead when ex Wanderer Peter Slater took the ball to the bye line before centring low for Heywood to crash home.

Worley had a shot cleared off the line and Tony Horseman came close before the former missed a "sitter" from 15 yards after a precision pass from Quil Peasgood (who incidentally looked slow in comparison with his colleagues). Keith Stephenson went off near the end after a kick in the mouth, from which he had two teeth knocked back.

But while the Wanderers were squandering their chances, Oxbridge steadily improved and fully deserved their 1-0 victory.

Wycombe Wanderers: Maskell, Stephenson, Thomas, Rundle, Delaney, Samuels, Worley, Baker, Faulkner, Horseman, Peasgood. H.T. subs.: O'Brien, Ward, Temel, Busby, Poke.

Oxbridge: Morley, Findley, Suddaby, Walker, Emslie, Garrafall, Dick, Burns, Heywood, Hill, Slater, Robertson. H.T. subs.: Michel, Robertson.



Barry Baker, Wycombe's little midfield player. He is playing very well this season and has developed a hard shot that was always missing.